

Families First in Numbers
Updated Information from September 2005

Current number of Assistance Groups: 71,036

Current number of adults: 54,377

Current number of children: 134,942

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,035

Closures in September:

total closures: 4,711

closures for 18 month time limits: 178

closures for sanctions: 997

work-related sanctions: 950

other sanctions: 47

closures for employment: 929

Time limit closures since Families First started: 12,141

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 11,069

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$693.04

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$169.66

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases that close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between 1996 and now exceeds 250,000.